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#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1976. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 629. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the operation of certain visitor facilities associated with, but outside the boundaries of, Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1743. An act to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to extend the authorizations of appropriations through fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2070. An act to provide for the distribution within the United States of the United States Information Agency film entitled "Fragile Ring of Life"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2353. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to delivery of health and medical care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measures were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

S. 1322. A bill to provide for the relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and for other purposes.

S. 1328. A bill to amend the commencement dates of certain temporary Federal judgeships.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1715. An act respecting the relationship between workers' compensation benefits and the benefits available under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1516. A communication from the Director the Office of Management and Budget, the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual Federal Financial Management Report and Five-Year Plan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1517. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of the Department of Human Services' Foster Care Reimbursement Efforts"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1518. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Financial Review of the District of Columbia's Drug Asset Forfeiture Program"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1519. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of the District of Columbia's Recycling Program"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1520. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report entitled, "To Assure the Free Appropriate Public Education of All Children with Disabilities"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-358. A petition from a citizen of the State of Georgia for a redress of grievance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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POM-365. A petition from a citizen of the State of Georgia for a redress of grievance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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POM-369. A petition from a citizen of the State of Georgia for a redress of grievance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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POM-371. A petition from a citizen of the State of Georgia for a redress of grievance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-372. A petition from a citizen of the State of Georgia for a redress of grievance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-373. A petition from a citizen of the State of Nebraska for a redress of grievance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1330. A bill to make available without fiscal year limitation the offsetting collections of the Federal Communications Commission for electromagnetic spectrum auctions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1331. A bill to adjust and make uniform the dollar amounts used in title 18 to distinguish between grades of offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1332. A bill to clarify the application of certain Federal criminal laws to territories, possessions, and commonwealths, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1333. A bill to provide for a reduction of sentence for providing useful investigative information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 1334. A bill to amend chapter 28 of title 35, United States Code, to provide for noninfringing uses of patents on medical and surgical procedures; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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#### THE SPECTRUM AUCTION OFFSETTING COLLECTION AVAILABILITY ACT

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Spectrum Auction Offsetting Collection Availability Act. This bill is simple and would save a fiscal problem currently being faced by the Federal Communications Commission [FCC].

The FCC currently must expend funds in order to conduct spectrum auctions. When such auctions occur, the Commission is authorized to retain from the auction proceeds to offset the overhead costs of conducting the auction. This plan is logical and clearly benefits all concerned—especially the taxpayers.

However, it has been brought to my attention that when an auction is conducted late in the fiscal year, and the revenues come in too late to be expended during that fiscal year, the Commission does not have the authority to use the funds collected. This creates an unintentional monetary crisis at the collected. This creates an unintentional monetary crisis at the FCC. Clearly, the FCC should be able to keep this money for more than 1 year in order to support spectrum auctions.

Currently there is much debate as to whether we should cut the FCC's funding or not. That is a debate for another